

RECEPTION TO THE STROTHER "BOYS"

Prominent People of Welsh Gather at the McDowell Gun Club.

SPEECHES AND TOASTS

James A. Strother Thanks His Friends for Their Faith in Him During His Trouble.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WELCH, W. VA., March 16.—The reception tendered James A. Strother and George French Strother at this place last evening by the McDowell Gun Club was one of the most prominent social affairs ever held in this section. On account of the illness of Mrs. James A. Strother, which is not serious in nature, it was decided Thursday evening to make it a stag affair, and so the wives and lady friends of the members and friends of the club were so notified.

Games, such as cards, pool, billiards and other amusements were indulged in, after which all repaired to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was awaiting. Six courses were served, and a number of waiters were on hand to supply the wants of all. Attorney Wyndham Stokes, who was present during the trial at Culpeper, acted as toastmaster, and in a very appropriate speech informed the large assemblage that all would be called upon for a toast to our beloved and honored citizen, James A. Strother.

The banquet lasted until almost day-light, and it is now the general topic of conversation on the streets. On account of illness, Philip Strother, who is now at his home at Culpeper, was unable to attend, but sent his regrets.

After prolonged applause, James A. Strother was called upon to respond to a toast, and with tears in his eyes, said:

"My friends, all—I know you are friends of mine; also of my brothers, sisters and family—words full me to express my gratification of your true friendship during my trouble. I know that you are friends of mine, but I want to assure you that there are other people in this State, the grand old State of Virginia, and also in every State in this Union, who, as I have telegrams from them, and also letters, expressing their sympathy to me and my brothers. If there ever comes a time when I can be of service, professionally or otherwise, all you have to do is to notify me.

"I believe that the heart of every true man and woman throbs for me and mine in our affliction, and if I were a Rockefeller or Morgan, I would have the streets of Welch paved in gold, and build mansions for every citizen in this place, county and State, because they have shown that they were my friends when I needed them. I have only the kindest feelings for all of you."

C. L. Moss, who is the president of the McDowell Gun Club, when asked by your correspondent why the banquet was tendered, said:

"You know that we all love James A. Strother and all of his people. There is nothing too good we can do for him. Had it been necessary, the whole of McDowell county, I believe, would have gone to Culpeper to be with him and show our appreciation of him and his people. This is only a small token of our esteem of him."

During the conversation which ensued at the banquet table, R. B. Berheim, clerk of the County Court, and also secretary of the Republican committee of this county, said that the only thing left to do was to send James A. Strother to Congress at the next session. This toast met with applause of long duration.

BLOCK SYSTEM.

Norfolk and Western Will End Large Sum to Increase Safety.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., March 16.—The Southern Railway Company has just completed the installation of the block system on its line of road between Bristol and Knoxville, Tenn., a distance of 131 miles. The blockhouses are placed at from three and a half to six miles apart, and there are about thirty such houses between Bristol and Knoxville. Two operators are employed at each blockhouse at a salary of \$50 per month each, with extra pay for overtime.

Aside from the cost of establishing and maintaining this system between the two given points, counting thirty blockhouses, with two operators at each house, the company will pay to operators alone, not counting what they may earn extra, a total of \$36,000 per annum, and thus it costs to prevent disastrous wrecks and save the lives that might otherwise be lost.

NOT BLACK SHEEP.

Colored Show Men Under Arrest Charged With Robbery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., March 16.—Denying that they were "black sheep," Will Gilchrist and Arthur Austin, colored, were arrested here yesterday charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. The offense was committed at High Point, Gilchrist and Austin were interested in an amateur comedy, presenting the "Black Sheep Comedy." They "showed" at High Point for the benefit of a church. The church didn't derive any benefit from

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the performance, and the pastor, Rev. J. S. Toney, indicted the managers, Austin and Gilchrist say the net result was a dollar, and the money gave that amount to a Greensboro Church. They gave bonds for their appearance in the court house, which was held here yesterday, having acknowledged his guilt. He, too, hailed from High Point.

Two other young men, T. J. Banks and Norman Benson, were yesterday arrested on the same charge and placed in jail. They stoutly deny having any knowledge of the robbery of freight, which was members of the same train crew as Vail.

For some time the railroad people have been missing freight shipped on the train on which these people were trainmen. Detective A. G. Ahern, of this city, and Detective H. C. Smith, of Washington, went to work on the case, and as a result they decided that there was sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of the three young men.

The defendants will be given a hearing Monday before Judge Collins. As Vail has confessed his guilt, there will be nothing in his case but fix the amount of the bond.

BUT ONE AFFESTED.

Young Gets His Liberty Through a Prior Decision.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 16.—The recent refusal of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond to grant a rehearing in the case of Young Sprinkle and Angelo, convicted in the Federal Court here two years ago of whiskey frauds against the government, affects only one of the defendants, T. M. Angelo.

A prior decision of the Circuit Court has given Young his liberty, and he is now in the case of Angelo, who was sentenced for one year and fined \$1,000, it is understood that he will appear here at the April term of court and be taken by the Marshall to Atlanta. In the case of Angelo, who was sentenced for one year and fined \$1,000, it is understood that he will appear here at the April term of court and be taken by the Marshall to Atlanta. In the case of Angelo, who was sentenced for one year and fined \$1,000, it is understood that he will appear here at the April term of court and be taken by the Marshall to Atlanta.

DROWNS IN CISTERN.

Plank Gives Way and Little One Plunges to Bottom.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., March 16.—Godfrey Guinn, the three-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Guinn, a widow residing southeast of Bristol, fell into a cistern Wednesday afternoon and was drowned. The mother had gone away to do a day's washing and left her three little children alone at her humble home. They were playing about the cistern, when the unsound plank that topped it over, gave way and the child went into water over its head. The screams of the children attracted neighbors, and the lifeless form of the child was lifted from the cistern soon after the sad occurrence.

TRAIN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS WRECK

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., March 16.—North-bound passenger train No. 34 had a narrow escape from a serious wreck to-night at Concord, where a baggage car in the middle of the train jumped the track. The car was considerably damaged and the passengers were badly shaken up. The track was soon cleared and the train passed here about an hour late. No one was hurt.

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MUCH INCREASE IN SCHOOL INCOME

State Superintendent Joyner Makes Report Showing Very Gratifying Progress.

YOUNG SCOTCH IMMIGRANTS

Edinburgh Youths Come to Carolina With View of Becoming Settlers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 16.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. S. Joyner has prepared a statement of the progress in North Carolina for the past two years, and it shows a remarkable growth. It shows that for 1906 the State had for educational purposes \$2,630,878 for public schools, besides considerable sums contributed by citizens. The total increase of funds for 1906 over 1905 was \$21,840, of which \$11,447 was for rural schools and the remainder for city schools.

Excluding bonds, loans, State appropriations and balance for the previous year, the whole amount raised by taxation during 1906 was \$1,839,854, an increase of \$159,490 over the year previous. The rural increase was \$62,656 and city increase \$97,254. This aggregate of educational funds is equivalent to an increase of 16 cents for each country child and 14 cents for each city child over the fund for the year previous.

The total expenditures for all schools during 1906 was \$2,291,053, an increase of \$335,216 over the year previous. The increase for rural schools was \$53,734. This increase of salaries for white teachers was \$4.56 in rural schools and \$10.34 for city schools. The salaries of both county and city superintendents were increased.

Attendance Increased.

The increase of school attendance was marked, the increase of white enrollment being 5,490 and colored 5,579. Another advance is shown in the pay of teachers and in the length of the school term.

The value of school property increased \$62,136 during 1906, being \$3,725,054. The increase in the value of rural school property was \$245,609 and of city property \$296,527. The property for white schools is \$3,165,532, and for colored, \$559,497. During the year 12 new schoolhouses gave place to more adequate buildings. The number of districts decreased 71 for white and 24 for colored children, and this consolidation materially increased the number of schools employing more than one teacher. During the past year 423 new schoolhouses—259 for white and 164 for colored children—were erected. The total of new schoolhouses for the two years was 822.

New Enterprises.

The charter of the Rockingham Power Company was amended in the office of the Secretary of State to-day, for the purpose of limiting the dividends on preferred stock to five per cent. payable semi-annually. Mr. E. H. Governor, of Wilmington, is president of the company, and most of the stockholders are in Wilmington.

Charters were issued to-day to the U-R-Car Company, of Greensboro, \$100,000 capital, to make a new soft drink for the trade. Incorporators, E. R. Harrison, J. A. Harrison and others. J. F. Denton Company, of Greenville; capital, \$25,000; for general mercantile business.

Four young Scotchmen, average age about nineteen years, arrived here this morning direct from Edinburgh, as immigrants in care of the State Department of Agriculture. They will remain here for a day or two while the most desirable location for them are being selected by Secretary T. M. Bruner, of the Agricultural Department. He expects to send one to Rowan, Guilford and Iredell counties. Rev. R. H. Dyer, the recently appointed State organizer and co-operator for the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, is here to take up regularly his work. In an address to the public last night he declared his purpose to work against both saloons and dispensaries. It being, he declares, a question which is the lesser evil.

CALL REV. MR. LEE.

Well-Known Lynchburg Pastor Invited to Texas Church.

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 16.—The Rev. Frank Lee, the popular pastor of Emanuel church, Madison, and Epiphany church, this city, has received a call to St. George's, Dallas, Tex., and will probably accept.

Mr. Lee is a graduate of Roanoke College and his first charge was as assistant to the Rev. J. M. Owens, of St. Paul's, this city.

Nothing definite has been heard from Dr. W. A. Barr, who was recently called to St. Paul's, and who, it is learned, has tendered his resignation as pastor of St. Luke's, but a press telegram from Norfolk received last night intimated that he might not come to Lynchburg and telegrams were sent by members of the vestry urging him to accept the call here.

The committee appointed by the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Norfolk, at a meeting held Thursday night to wait upon Dr. Barr, and to urge him to reconsider his purpose to accept a call to St. Paul's Episcopal church, Lynchburg, waited upon Dr. Barr immediately after the adjournment of the vestry meeting and presented the resolution passed by that body.

Loving Cup for Carmack.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., March 16.—Bristol friends of Senator Edward Ward Carmack, now retired, have contributed \$25 toward a fund for purchasing for the Senator a loving cup, which is to be presented to him soon by his friends throughout the State. For some time the fund has been raised here just as easy as \$25, but the committee having the matter in charge only expected \$20 from Bristol.

To Have Gatling Gun.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., March 16.—The Rowan Rifles, Salisbury's military organization, is to be supplied with a modern Gatling gun, the order having been approved by Major B. B. Dugan, U. S. A., and Colonel H. S. Stinglefield, inspector-general, who conducted an annual inspection of the company here Wednesday night. The organization made a very creditable showing, and was pronounced in fine military shape.

The company has decided to go to the Jamestown Exposition in July.

Salisbury Politics.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., March 16.—Municipal politics at Salisbury is the absorbing topic of the day, and the friends of Colonel A. H. Boyden, the present incumbent, and T. H. Vanderford, Esq., the two Democratic candi-

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Ladies' Plaid Suit in wool material, with new style collar and cuff to match, light-fitting coat back and front, skirt tucked down each seam, for \$25.00.

Ladies' dark blue Chiffon Panama Suits in black, made with three large plaits in each side, back and front, with silk braids around collar and cuffs, and silk tabs with fancy buttons, skirt plaited panel back and front with side plaits, for \$30.00.

Ladies' Fancy Two-Piece Jumper Suits in black silk, with jumper trimmed in braids, and wide girde with applique trimming, drop sleeves, plaid skirt, for \$25.00.

Ladies' Silk Eton Suits in navy, black and champagne colors, trimmed with fancy braids and taffeta plaiting, also fancy buttons, with skirt tucked down each seam, for \$32.00.

Misses' Jumper Suit in newest plaid mixtures, with drop sleeves and plaid skirt, for \$22.00.

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Ladies' White All-over Lace Waist, with fancy bands of Irish crochet, yoke and cuffs, with medallions, elbow sleeves, with Val at bottom of sleeves, lined throughout with silk, \$19.00.

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Ladies' Plumed Net Waist, lined throughout with silk, trimmed with medallions and Irish crochet lace, elbow sleeves, full puff and deep cuff, newest cut in sleeves, for \$12.00.

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Ladies' White Net Waist, daintily trimmed with yoke, back and front with medallions, three-quarter sleeves, lined throughout with silk, for \$7.50.

Ladies' Valenciennes Lace Waist, with garniture of Irish crochet medallions, elbow sleeves finished with satin and fancy crochet, buttons with crush girde of silk, waist lined throughout with silk, for \$25.00.

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Ladies' Plain Gauze Lisle Hose, in black, brown, white and red; price, 50c.

Ladies' Lace Hose, in black, white and tan; some lace allover, others boots; price, 25c.

Ladies' Gauze Lisle Hose, in black, white, tan, light blue, lavender, pink and gray; price, 25c.

Ladies' outsize Hose, in gauze lisle and lace; price, 25c.

Ladies' Black Ribbed Hose, with ribbed top; price, 25c.

Ladies' Black Ribbed "Cadet" Hose; price, 25c.

Ladies' outsize Black Hose, with ribbed top; price, 15c.

Ladies' Gray Cotton Hose, price 15c.

Ladies' "Humpty Dumpty" Hose, regular 15c value, plain black; price 12 1/2-2c.

Ladies' Tan Cotton Hose, 12 1/2-2c.

Ladies' Black Ribbed Hose, price 12 1/2-2c.

Ladies' Black Hose, with white feet; price 12 1/2-2c.

Ladies' Black Hose, with embroidered figures; price 12 1/2-2c.

Children's Tan and White Ribbed Hose, price 25c.

Children's Black Ribbed Hose, in 5 different weights, "The Cadet," price 25c.

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